3rd November 1931]

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"May I ask whether the Government of the hon. the Law Member has since received the proposal of the High Court Judges with regard to retrenchment in their salaries?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"No, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I ask whether the arrears in the High Court are being satisfactorily reduced?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"Attempts are made in that direction."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I know what steps the Government propose to take in order to lessen the arrears?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"The Judges are devoting their full attention to this question."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"Will the hon. Member be pleased to state what retrenchment has been effected in the High Court establishment?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"It is left to the discretion of the Chief Justice under the Letters Patent."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—"May I ask if the hon. Member is aware that since the Master of the High Court has been appointed, the work of the Judges has been considerably reduced, as the Master has taken over a good deal work?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"Not with reference to the important portion of the work of the Judges."

Transfer of Sarishtadars of District Courts.

*569 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether any representation has been made in the current year by the Bar Associations in the Presidency to the Government of Madras on the subject of transfer of District Court Sarishtadars who have served for more than three years at a station and what action has been taken thereon?

A.—No such representation has been received. Under the Madras Civil Courts Act, III of 1873, the transfer of Sarishtadars of District Courts is a matter within the discretion of the High Court.

Electricity

Electrification of Salem and Erode.

* 570 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Goundar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state— 11-15 a.m.

(*a*) at what stage the electrification of Salem and Erode is;

(*b*) when will the work be actually finished;

(*c*) when the electric power from Pykara will be introduced to these towns;